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Arizona Medical Board Members

A.R.S. Title 32 Chapter 13 Article 1 Section 32-1402

The Arizona Medical Board consists of twelve members. Physician members are Patrick Connell, Robert Goldfarb, Ingrid Haas, Tim Hunter, Ram Krishna, Douglas Lee, William Martin and Edward Schwager. Public members are Sharon Megdal, Ph.D., Becky Jordan, Ronnie Cox, Ph.D. and Dona Pardo, RN, Ph.D. who fills the required public position of a licensed nurse, with at least five years experience. Chris Wertheim was appointed to fill Dr. Cox's vacancy while he completes his tour of duty in Iraq. The Governor appoints members of the Board. Short biographies on each member can be found on our website.

Each doctor of medicine who is appointed to the Board must be a resident of Arizona and actively practicing medicine as a licensed physician for at least five years before appointment.

Physician members must be from at least three different counties. At present, the Board has representatives from four different counties, Coconino, Maricopa, Pima and Yuma.

The term of office of a member of the Board is five years. Each member is eligible for reappointment for not more than one additional term. Each member of the Board shall continue to hold office until the appointment and qualification of that member's successor, with a few exceptions.

The Board will be holding its annual election for a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary, at the October Meeting. Edward J. Schwager, M.D., Sharon B. Megdal, Ph.D. and Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D. currently hold these positions.

Outside of their full-time civilian positions, Board members review and prepare for an average of 60 cases per meeting. This is equivalent to about six cases of paper. Members voluntarily serve the public and the profession by providing their time and expertise to physician regulation.

The Board annually submits a written report to the Governor on the Board's licensing and disciplinary activities. Public members appointed to the Board may submit a separate written report to the Governor setting forth their comments relative to the Board's licensing and disciplinary activities.

What Does Your Profile Say About You?

The Arizona Medical Board provided over 487,000 physician profiles in the month of August. The Board averages over 5 million requests annually. So what does this mean to a busy Arizona physician? With approximately 10,000 licensed physicians practicing in Arizona, each physician could have their profile looked at by potential patients 50 times per month!

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BOARD MEETING DATES

October 13-14, 2004

December 1-2 2004

February 9-10, 2005

April 13-14, 2005

New Law Addresses Office Based Surgery Practices

A.R.S. Title 32 Chapter 13 Article 1 Section 32-1401

Following is the new statute regarding office based surgery. The statute went into effect August 25th of this year.

TITLE 32
PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS
CHAPTER 13
MEDICINE & SURGERY

ARTICLE 1
ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

32-1401. Definitions

20. "Office Based Surgery" means a medical procedure conducted in a physician's office or other outpatient setting that is not part of a licensed hospital or licensed ambulatory surgical center.

27. "Unprofessional conduct" includes the following, whether occurring in this state or elsewhere:

(tt) Performing office based surgery using intra-venous sedation in violation of board rules.

Legislation regarding office based surgery is being considered and drafted all across the country. Twenty six states currently have some type of guideline, rule or statute that addresses office-based surgery practices.

In our continual effort to successfully protect the public and prevent over-regulation of the practice of medicine, the Arizona Medical Board will be drafting the rules referenced in the statute. The Board will be holding stakeholder meetings to get public input during this process.

If you would like to be notified of upcoming meetings regarding office based surgery rules, please contact the Arizona Medical Board Public Information Officer at 480-551-2713 or by email at mdonahue@azmdboard.org.

RESOURCES FOR OFFICE BASED SURGERY Accreditation

The following links are provided by the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) as a resource for accreditation organizations and processes:

American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF): AAAASF accreditation is only available to organizations owned or operated by surgeon members of the American Board of Medical Specialties: <http://www.aaaasf.org/>.

Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAH): For information on ambulatory health care accreditation click on: <http://www.aaahc.org/>.

Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO): JCAHO accredits the widest range of health care facilities: <http://www.jcaho.org/>.

What Does Your Profile Say About You? (continued)

A.R.S. Title 32 Chapter 13 Article 1 Section 32-1403.01 and Article 2 Section 32-1435

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Is your information correct? Your patients want to know. Your profile is a snapshot of your career as a physician. It is also a resource for potential patients to decide on a doctor that lives closest to their home, or has a particular specialty.

Are your specialties listed? Is your address current?

The annual Medical Directory is in the process of being compiled. If we do not have your current address, you may not receive the directory. Moreover, the information in the directory will not be correct for peer referrals.

The Directory contains updated statutes and rules regarding your profession as well as important contact information. Don't miss out on this service.

By law, you have 30 days to report a change of address. You can be fined \$100 for not reporting this change. For your convenience, the Medical Board provides a

downloadable change of address and legal name change forms on our website.

It is recommended that you regularly check your profile to be familiar with what your patients are viewing and avoid any errors on your profile.



Krishna Appointed to Federation Special Committee

Board member, Ram Krishna, M.D., has accepted the appointment by the Federation of State Medical Board's Chair, Dr. Doris Brooker, to be a member of the Special Committee on the Evaluation of Undergraduate Medical Education.

The charge of the Special Committee on the Evaluation of Medical Education is to provide information to assist state medical boards in their evaluation of the medical education received by applicants for licensure. To accomplish its charge, the Special Committee will -- gather, review and synthesize information regarding accreditation standards applied to domestic and Canadian medical school programs; identify and evaluate accreditation standards applied to medical school programs located outside the United States

and Canada;
review current systems used to classify medical school programs outside the United States and Canada;
evaluate the feasibility of establishing criteria that could be utilized by state medical boards in classifying international medical schools. The Special Committee will use its expertise in medical regulation, education, assessment, and accreditation, and report its findings and recommendations to the House of Delegates.